GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:280
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2008
BROADCAST OF NATIONAL PROGRAMMES
Bhagora Shri Mahavir

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of free-to-air and pay TV Channels being telecast in the country, channel-wise;

(b) the details of places not having cable connection/where National Programmes of Doordarshan are not being telecast;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; State-wise; and

(e) the remedial action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 280 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.3.2008.

(a): Details of Free to Air and pay channels of private broadcasters is enclosed at Annexure-I. Doordarshan is presently operating 30 TV channels which are all free to air. The list of DD channels is enclosed at Annexure-II. Apart from the above Lok Sabha Television Channel which is run by Lok Sabha Secretariat is also a free to air channel.

(b) to (e): Government has not conducted any survey on cable TV penetration in the country as such no information is available about the places where cable connections are not available. In terrestrial mode, DD-1 channel coverage is available to about 91.9% population of the country. Areawise coverage is about 80.9%.

Multi channel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free to air DTH service "DD Direct +" is also available in the entire country with the exception of A&N Islands. As such places not having cable connection can receive television broadcast through Doordarshan's DTH service.